AMENDMENTS

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[0017] Fig. 5 is a side cross-sectional view of the cutter tooth of Fig. 4 taken along line 5-5.

[0019] Referring now to the drawings, in which like numbers refer to like elements throughout the several views, Fig. 1 shows a typical tip shrouded turbine bucket **10**. The turbine bucket **10** includes an airfoil **12**. The airfoil **12** is the active component that intercepts the flow of gases and acts as a windmill ~~vain~~ vane to convert the energy of the gases into tangential motion. This motion in turn rotates the rotor to which the buckets **10** are attached.

[0026] The base portion **180** of the first cutter tooth **150** may extend in a direction perpendicular to the seal rail **130** of about 0.56 to about 0.58 inches (about 14.22 to about 14.73 millimeters) while the base portion **180** of the second cutter tooth **160** may only extend about 0.45 to about 0.47 inches (about 11.43 to about 11.99 millimeters). The base portion **180** of both cutter teeth **150**, **160** may have a width (along the direction of the seal rail **130**) that extends from about 0.5 to about 0.52 inches (about 12.7 to about

13.21 millimeters) to about 0.30 to about 0.32 inches (about 7.62 to about 8.13 millimeters) near the top portion **170**.

[0027] This configuration may be used for the second stage bucket of a ~~"9FA+e"~~ turbine sold by the General Electric Company of Schenectady, New York~~OLE_LINK1~~ under the designation "9FA+e". The configuration provides a tip shroud **120** with a more symmetrical design so as to reduce the stress on the tip shroud **120** as a whole and the fillet below the shroud **120**, if one is present. The configuration also should increase the overall lifetime of the various parts.

[0028] Fig. 6 shows a similar design, in this case a turbine bucket **200** for the second stage bucket of a ~~"7FA+e"~~ turbine sold by the General Electric Company of Schenectady, New York under the designation "7FA+e". The turbine bucket **200** may have an airfoil **210** with a tip shroud **220** and a seal rail **230**. The tip shroud **220** may have somewhat different dimensions from those described above with the tip shroud **120**.

[0031] The base portion **280** of the first cutter tooth **250** may extend in a direction perpendicular to the seal rail **230** by about 0.56 to about 0.580 inches (about 14.22 to about 14.73 millimeters) while the base portion **280** of the second cutter tooth **260** may only extend about 0.45 to about 0.47 inches (about 11.43 to about 11.99 millimeters). The base portion **280** of both cutter teeth **250**, **260** may have a width (along the direction of the seal rail **230** that extends from about 0.50 to 0.52 inches (about 12.7 to about 13.21 millimeters) to about 0.30 to about 0.32 inches (about 7.62 to about 8.19 millimeters)

near the top portion **270**. The built up area **290** may have of width of about 0.6 to about 0.7 inches (about 15.24 to about 17.78 millimeters).